GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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QUARANTINE FACILITIES TO SICK ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the zoos in the country have quarantine facilities for sick animals brought for medical treatment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the zoo authorities accept injured/sick animals brought for treatment and shelter before being left in the wild; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All large and medium category Zoos in the country have full-fledged veterinary units with isolation and quarantine wards to take care of new arrivals and sick animals for medical treatment. Small and mini category Zoos have treatment rooms for taking care of the sick animals.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) The Zoos accept injured and sick animals for treatment. They are released in the wild after evaluation of their fitness with the approval of the concerned Chief Wild Life Warden of the State. The Zoos also function as lifetime rescue facilities for animals which cannot be released into wild subject to the availability of appropriate housing and upkeep infrastructure.